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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate overall. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to fully adequate. Heavy rainfall from hurricane Frances caused some disruptions in the Southeast broiler production areas. In the parts structure, movement was light to no better than fair. Breast items were adequate to readily available and slow to clear. The balance of items was at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to heavy. Weights were mostly desirable to heavy.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .50 to 78.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 69.25 cents last year on September 10, 2003.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	235.00
BREASTS - B/S	188.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	106.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.00
LEG QUARTERS	32.00
WINGS	112.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment continued barely steady to weak. Demand was mostly light to fair with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to available and competitively priced to stimulate additional movement. In the parts structure, trading was no better than fair with attractive prices prevalent. Breast items were fully adequate to ample and slow to clear. Dark meat was adequate to available, and wings were fully sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was no better than fair during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were mixed in availability, but at least sufficient for current needs. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts remained available. Bone-in breasts ranged adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were generally adequate.

**MIDWEST** Whole broiler/fryers offerings were mixed; plentiful on heavy weight birds, undertone was weak; smaller sizes were in balance on a steady undertone. Major rainfall in the southeast broiler production areas from hurricane Frances have caused some disruption with initial reports of moderate to heavy bird loss in the North Carolina area. Retail and food service draw was typical post-holiday, generally light to moderate as buyers and sellers access needs and offerings. Retail features noted on toaster breast at \$1.69; boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.88 and \$1.79; leg quarters at 39 cents; thighs at 69 cents; and drum and thighs at 88 cents. Floor stocks were in a full range. Weights were desirable to heavy. Parts offerings were mixed; wings barely adequate to fully adequate, breast cuts and dark meat items were more than sufficient for current trade needs. The market tone was steady to barely steady on leg quarters and wings and weak on remaining parts.

**WESTERN** The market tone was barely steady overall. Offerings of heavy weight product plentiful and noted as sharply discounted to help place excess product, small sized product however was generally adequate. Buyers' were cautious and closely monitored market developments. Retailer demand was moderate. Floor stocks adequate.

## CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 09/04/04	2004	2003	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	209,458	200,711	+04
CHICKS PLACED	173,432	168,221	+03

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 4, 2004. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 4, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through September 4, 2004 were 6.21 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 16-Oct-04 is estimated at 160.3 million head. This compares to 161.4 million head the previous week and to 158.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.07 cents per pound.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

**POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT		
TENDERLOINS	248	150.00-245.00	175-180	176.81
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES	140	55.00-66.00	55-56	56.86
LEGS	56	32.00-36.00	32-34	33.50
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	515	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.58
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	893	26.00-32.00	26-28	26.98
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	90.00-110.00	94-97	97.50
WINGS (CUT)	425	110.00-119.00	114-118	116.15
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR september 08, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.00 - 47.50	41.22	43.94

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

Trucklot buying activity was noted as light to no better than fair during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts remained available and discounted to clear. Bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate with b/s thigh meat noted as long. Movement into retail and distributive channels was lackluster. The market tone was barely steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

**CURRENT**

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	148.31	837,589
TENDERLOINS	185-190	165.39	243,010
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	92.74	188,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	87.99	126,120
LEGS	45-46	38.23	398,438
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	31.64	531,380
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	36.23	199,266
THIGHS	24-25	37.00	111,925
B/S THIGHS	69-70	72.63	90,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	105.65	173,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.72	18,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	27.73	18,800
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	57.78	25,560

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS	WTS	WTS	WTS
	09/08	09/07	09/06	09/03	09/06	09/03	09/01	08/30
Alabama	4,179	4,133	1,750	5,141	4.62	5.01	4,079	5.29
Arkansas	5,618	5,507	(A)	6,560	(A)	4.75	5,417	5.12
Delmarva	2,313	2,165	(A)	2,719	(A)	5.47	2,314	5.56
KY-LA-TN	2,082	2,144	(A)	2,995	(A)	4.81	1,969	5.12
Mississippi	3,066	3,066	3,289	3,289	5.18	5.18	3,062	5.44
North C	2,546	2,500	1,123	3,701	6.12	6.23	2,409	6.44
Texas	2,454	2,474	2,229	2,559	5.18	5.04	2,464	5.09
Total	22,258	21,989	10,213	26,964	5.07	5.16	21,714	5.26
Mon-Wed	53,007(B)						65,311(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Sep-04 is estimated to be 33,300,000 head up 2.20 percent from a week ago and up 7.22 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,584,000, last year 31,058,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY**

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	73-79
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	116
DRY PACK	
ICE PACK	107-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	110
DRY PACK	
ICE PACK	108-109
HENS OVER 5#	93-95
DRY PACK	
ICE PACK	93
DUCKS	170-185

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 11-Sep-04

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/11/04 (1)	09/04/04
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	153,951 (2)	175,449
LT HENS	1,206	1,453
HVY HENS	1,317	1,557
CHECK TOTAL	156,474	178,459

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-Sep-04 is 163.0 million head compared to 160.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.3 million head or 8.7 million less than estimated available. For the week of 18-Sept-04 the estimated available is 163.4 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 09/06/04	186,396	56,584
AM 08/01/04	197,542	54,909
CHG	-11,146	1,675
PCT CHG	-6	3

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/07/04	08/30/04	09/08/03	09/07/04	08/30/04	09/08/03
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	21,147	20,988	20,615	5,221	5,344	4,639
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	347	364	420	3,752	3,870	2,164

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2004

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	70-72
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	72-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 09/07/04

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.80	1.25	1.00	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	4.00	4.75	-
BROILERS lb.	.50	.70	.61	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	3.25	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	3.50	3.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.20	1.00	.71	ROOSTERS ea.	-	3.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.80	1.10	.93	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.50	1.75	1.00	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.75	5.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	2.25	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS 70							

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending September 3, 2004

	Whole <u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	Legs <u>W/ Thighs</u>	Necks, Backs <u>&amp; Wings</u>	Livers/ <u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	67.06	114.39	74.95	11.83	7.89	44.97
High	68.64	122.28	78.89	19.72	13.81	44.97
Mostly	67.85	114.39	74.95	13.81	9.86	44.97

**SAN JUAN**

Low	66.66	114.39	74.95	11.83	5.92	44.18
High	69.03	126.23	86.78	19.72	11.83	44.18
Mostly	67.85	118.34	74.95	15.78	7.89	44.18

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	67.06	118.34	74.95	11.83	7.89	45.36
High	68.64	122.28	82.84	15.78	9.86	45.36
Mostly	67.06	118.34	78.89	13.81	9.86	45.36

**BECERRA**

Low	67.85	114.39	78.89	11.83	7.89	45.76
High	69.43	122.28	86.78	19.72	11.83	45.76
Mostly	68.64	122.28	82.84	17.75	9.86	45.76

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to good. Seller offerings were fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 63 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items, mainly boneless/skinless generally remained available at competitive price levels. Leg items and wings were fully adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	55-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	65.67
NO. OF BOXES	5,788

\*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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